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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

CHAS. H. RAYMOND JOSEPH H. BLOOD
GEORGE O. CARLETON

Town Treasurer

A. P. TEMPLE

Clerk

HARRY G. BLOOD

Tax Collector

GEORGE W. COGGIN

Road Agent

F. O. LAMSON

Chief Police

DANIEL ALEXANDER

Warrant for Town Meeting.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mont Vernon in the County of Hillsboro, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Mont Vernon, on Tuesday, March 12 next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, and trust fund committees

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation for same.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for the library or take action thereon.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate fifty dollars to be expended on the park.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-five dollars for Memorial Day.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to build a concrete sidewalk from Main street past Geo. F. Averill's to the Amherst road, or take any action in relation thereto.

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate four hundred dollars for repairs on State highway.

9. To see if the town will vote to let the Grange have the use of Town hall same as last year.

10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as will be necessary to paint and repair the town house.

CHARLES H. RAYMOND,
JOSEPH H. BLOOD,
GEORGE O. CARLETON,
Selectmen of Mont Vernon.

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash in hand town treasurer	$2,019 63	
Accounts due town:		
Taxes not collected, levy 1917	481 75	
Due from State:		
(a) State Highway acct.	693 92	
(b) Bounty on hedgehogs	2 60	
Taxes bought by town:		
Heirs Jane Elliot	23 30	
Interest on same	1 63	
A. J. Stearns	12 72	
Interest on same	89	
Total assets		$3,236 44
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)		1,523 87
Grand total		$4,760 31

Liabilities

Unpaid balances set aside for special purposes:		
Due to schools:		
(a) Dog licenses		$75 50
State and town joint highway accounts:		
Due State highway		$1,734 81
Notes outstanding:		
C. H. Raymond	$1,200 00	
J. M. Kittredge	350 00	
J. F. Perham	100 00	
M. B. Raymond	300 00	
Frances Holt	1,000 00	
		$2,950 00
Total liabilities		$4,760 31

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue from Local Taxes:		
1. Property and poll taxes, current year	$7,952 62	
2. Property and poll taxes previous year	467 26	
3. Interest on taxes, 1916	10 97	
4. Interest on taxes, 1917	13 97	
		$8,444 82
From State:		
5. Railroad tax	$144 06	
6. Savings Bank tax	441 38	
7. Literary fund	41 76	
8. Insurance tax	15 75	
9. School fund	200 00	
		$842 95
For State aid maintenance	$313 03	
For State aid construction	114 73	
		$427 76
Forest fires		$6 34
From Local Sources:		
Dog licenses	$ 75 50	
Pelders' licenses	8 00	
Rent town hall	108 00	
Town Histories sold	8 50	
Money borrowed	1,000 00	
		$1,200 00
		$10,921 87
Cash on hand at beginning of year		$1,419 96

Abatements $9.20

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
1. Salaries and expenses of town officers	$439 36
2. Election expenses	52
3. Care and supplies for town hall	110 22
Temple & Blood, supplies	28 04
Protection of persons and property:	
4. Police department	23 50
5. Fire department	61 03
6. Bounties	2 60
Health and sanitation:	
7. Vital statistics:	
G. W. Pike, cleaning ditch	2 50
H. G. Blood, reporting births, marriages, deaths	2 25
Highways and bridges:	
Maintenance, Town account	1,401 43
Bates road	200 00
State and town joint account	626 06
Street lighting	405 63
Education:	
Libraries	209 00
Patriotic purposes:	
Memorial Day	17 46
Recreation:	
Parks	50 00
Public service enterprises:	
Cemetery	77 00
Taxes bought by town	36 02
Printing Town Reports	47 00
Abatements	14 07
Insurance	48 00
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans	159 07

PAYMENTS

Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:		
Highway construction: State and Town accounts	414 25	
Indebtedness:		
Payment on principal of debt	1,000 00	
Payment to other Governmental Divisions:		
State tax	975 00	
War tax	130 00	
County tax	756 63	
Payment to School districts	3,095 76	
		$10,331 40

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Salaries Town Officers

C. H. Raymond, selectman	$90 00	
J. H. Blood, selectman	80 00	
Geo. O. Carlton, selectman	75 00	
Harry G. Blood, town clerk	20 00	
A. P. Temple, town treasurer	30 00	
Geo. W. Coggin, tax collector	84 19	
Geo. C. Hadley, overseer poor	20 00	
Geo. C. Hadley, auditor	2 00	
N. F. Hooper, auditor	2 00	
N. F. Hooper, supervisor	6 00	
C. O. Ingalls, supervisor	6 00	
J. M. Gleason, supervisor	6 00	
		$421 19

2. Expenses

C. H. Raymond:		
Two trips to Manchester	$3 14	
Trip to Concord	2 72	
Postage and telephone	2 30	
J. H. Blood:		
Two trips to Manchester	3 14	
Use of auto	4 00	
Postage,etc.	1 30	
A. P. Temple, postage	82	
H. G. Blood, postage	75	
		$18 17
E. C. Eastman, town warrants		52

3. Care and Supplies for Town House.

J. H. Blood, 5 cords wood at $4	$20 00	
Percy Scott, sawing wood	2 50	
Geo. W. Pike, janitor	6 50	
Daniel Alexander, janitor	66 00	
Lighting town hall	12 87	
D. Alexander, lights	2 35	
		$110 22

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

4. Police Department

Paid W. E. Jennings on account of arrest at Mrs. Barker's	$10 00	
D. Alexander, police	2 00	
D. Alexander, killing dog	1 00	
D. Alexander, collecting dog tax	1 50	
J. Reidle, arrest at Bates'	5 00	
Keeping tramps	4 00	
		$23 50

Fire Department

J. H. Blood, forest fires	$ 5 80	
West & Perry, auto to Bates fire '16	2 00	
Milford Fire Dept., expenses to Wellington fire	46 98	
D. Alexander, filling fire extinguishers	2 00	
D. Alexander, watching at Wellington's fire	3 00	
W. H. Wilkins, bottles for extinguishers	1 25	
		$61 03

Bounties

13 hedgehogs	$2 60

Health and Sanitation

G. W. Pike, cleaning ditch	$ 2 50	
H. G. Blood, reporting births, marriages and deaths	2 25	
		$4 75

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Highway Maintenance—Town Accounts

F. O. Lamson, repairing town roads and snow bills	$1,401 43	
Bates road	200 00	
		$1,601 43

Highway Maintenance—State and Town Joint Account

Patrolman, State Road	$589 10	
Drain pipe	36 96	
		$626 06

Street Lighting

Lighting streets		$405 63

Library

Appropriation, J. M. Gleason	$200 00	
Lighting	9 00	
		$209 00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day

H. G. Blood, transportation, decorations and refreshments		$17 46

Parks and Playgrounds

W. H. Kendall, appropriation		$50 00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Cemeteries

H. G. Blood, cemetery trustee	$74 00	
Bond for trust funds	3 00	
		$77 00

INTEREST

Paid on Temporary Loans

Jane Kittredge, interest	$14 00	
C. H. Raymond, interest	48 00	
M. B. Raymond, interest	8 34	
J. F. Perham, interest	4 00	
Frances Holt, interest	25 33	
J. H. Blood, interest	8 00	
Trust funds, interest	51 40	
		$159 07

Highway Construction

Town account	$299 52	
State account	114 73	
		$414 25

INDEBTEDNESS

Payment on Principal of Debt

Trust funds	$900 00	
J. H. Blood, Library note	100 00	
		$1,000 00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

State Tax

State tax	$975 00	
War tax	130 00	
County tax	756 63	
		$1,861 63

Payments to School District

Appropriation	$1,900 00	
Tuitions	550 00	
Supplies	75 00	
Repairs	200 00	
Dog tax	69 00	
Literary fund	41 76	
Salaries School Board	60 00	
From State for Superintendent	200 00	
		$3,095 76

ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

Abatements

Geo. F. Averill, over tax	$3 00	
E. W. Trow, over tax	1 87	
Alonzo Blood, over tax	1 20	
James Dunlap, poll tax	2 00	
H. Fuller, poll tax	2 00	
Cecil Smith, poll tax	2 00	
E. Scott, poll tax	2 00	
		$14 07

Printing

Printing town reports		$47 00

Insurance

Insurance on town house		$48 00

Taxes Bought by Town

Heirs Jane Elliott	$23 30	
A. J. Stearns	12 72	
		$36 02

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. RAYMOND,
JOSEPH H. BLOOD,
GEORGE O. CARLETON,
Selectmen of Mont Vernon.

Mont Vernon, N. H., Jan. 31, 1918.

We have this day examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE C. HADLEY,
NATHANIEL F. HOOPER,
Auditors.

Report of Town Treasurer

Town of Mont Vernon, to A. P. Temple, Treasurer.

Dr.

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917	$1,419 96	
Rec'd. from George W. Coggin:		
Taxes uncollected 1916	467 26	
Interest collected 1916	10 97	
Taxes collected 1917	7,952 62	
Interest collected 1917	13 97	
Abatements	9 20	
Notes for town	1,000 00	
Pedlers' licenses	8 00	
Rent of hall	108 00	
Histories sold	8 50	
Highway department	390 80	
Dog licenses	75 50	
Foerst fire account	6 34	
Insurance tax	1575	
Railroad tax	144 06	
Savings Bank tax	441 38	
Literary fund	41 76	
School Supt. apportionment	200 00	
		$12,314 07

Cr.

By paying Selectmen's orders	$10,294 44	
By cash on hand in bank	2,019 63	
		$12,314 07
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1918	$2,019 63	
Uncollected taxes 1918	481 75	
Assets		$2,501 38

ARTHUR P. TEMPLE,
Town Treasurer.

We have this day examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL F. HOOPER,
GEORGE C. HADLEY,
Auditors.

Report of Road Agent

Town of Mont Vernon, N. H., to Frank O. Lamson, Road Agent, as follows:—

Dr.

Rec'd from town for building State highway	$414 25	
Snow bills	550 05	
Straightening Bates road	200 00	
Repairing town roads	851 30	
		$2,015 60

Cr.

N. W. Horton	$ 75 60
J. G. Lawrence	108 25
W. E. Richardson	16 80
W. O. Lamson	41 19
H. Curtis	42 00
G. M. Stearns	115 79
E. A. Scott	9 00
A. M. Hazen	36 00
John Hazen	17 90
John Corliss	38 25
Lewis Trow	39 15
W. Brown	4 00
W. Kendall	1 00
E. H. Best	133 20
F. J. Conners	11 25
A. Winn	19 88
Temple & Blood	1 80
H. A. Hutchinson Est.	19 70
Kendall & Wilkins	13 80
F. Hartshorn	12 00
C. H. Raymond	4 00
F. Bergami	7 55
Telephone	1 02
A. Erlando	37 50

J. Bianchi	15 00	
R. Mason	9 00	
C. A. Bills	5 00	
J. Ritchie	78 30	
N. Merchant	2 00	
J. G. Carlton	12 05	
C. H. Hagar	5 00	
A. B. Lamson	88 50	
F. O. Lamson	406 57	
C. Ritchie	37 50	
		$1,465 55

Snow Bill

G. F. Pike	$ 3 37
C. E. Blood	2 05
W. P. Jenkins	6 50
D. C. Alexander	2 75
G. W. Coggin	2 50
E. H. Best	72 00
Blood & Temple	8 75
J. Hazen	77 48
J. G. Lawrence	32 10
J. G. Hopkins	9 90
H. B. Leighton	49 63
J. H. Blood	17 75
J. M. Ritchie	47 15
G. C. Hadley	7 50
J. F. Perham	2 27
H. K. Fuller	2 40
J. F. Conners	11 84
Mrs. L. J. Hutchinson	35 00
H. Curtis	1 00
L. G. Fielding	1 00
W. Richardson	15 35
H. Brown	3 34
A. Milne	11 00
C. B. Bills	4 00
H. Boutell	2 00
R. Mason	3 50
J. E. Corliss	3 50
N. W. Horton	6 75
A. J. Stearns	5 50

A. Winn	4 90	
J. Brown	4 45	
F. O. Lamson	59 00	
J. G. Carlton	4 65	
A. B. Lamson	1 87	
W. O. Lamson	3 25	
L. R. Dodge	6 30	
W. L. Robinson	17 75	
		$550 05

Report of Tax Collector

Due from 1916 taxes	$467 26	
Interest from 1916 taxes due	10 97	
		$478 23
Taxes collected for 1916	$467 26	
Interest collected for 1916	10 97	
		$478 23
Taxes assessed for 1917	$8,443 57	
Interest due	13 97	
		$8,457 54
Taxes collected 1917	$7,952 62	
Interest collected	13 97	
Abatements	9 20	
Taxes due Jan. 31, 1918	481 75	
		$8,457 54

GEORGE W. COGGIN,
Tax Collector.

We have this day examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL F. HOOPER,
GEORGE C. HADLEY,
Auditors.

Report of Overseer of the Poor

Received from County		$402 80
Paid Temple & Blood, aid Jarvis Smith	$170 01	
Pd. H. L. Robinson, aid H. L. Proctor	53 50	
B. F. Foster, burial H. L. Proctor	20 00	
Oscar Burs, M. D., bill, H. L. Proctor	9 10	
Oscar Burns, M. D., bill, Henry Towns	5 00	
Oscar Burns, M. D., bill, Mrs. H. Currier	68 35	
Oscar Burns, M. D., bill, Jarvis Smith	4 00	
Temple & Blood goods, Henry Fields	58 34	
Mrs. Geo. Tabbutt, goods, Henry Towns	3 00	
A. L. Martin, carrying Henry Towns to County Farm	6 50	
Geo. F. Averill, carrying Henry F. D. Roberts to County Farm	5 00	
		$402 80
Whole amount receipts		$402 80
Whole amount paid		$402 80

GEORGE C. HADLEY,
Overseer of Poor.

Mont Vernon, Feb. 1, 1918.

We have this day examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL F. HOOPER,
GEORGE C. HADLEY,
Auditors.

Report of Cemetery Trustees

Receipts

From town	$74 00

Expenditures

A. W. Winn, labor and digging grave	$74 00

HARRY G. BLOOD,
Treasurer.

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

Rec'd of Town, July 13, 1917, Trust funds (cemetery)		$9 00
Harriet Dean	$300 00	
Luther Odell	200 00	
Misses Kendall's	100 00	
Ruben Batchelder	100 00	
Sarah Holcomb	100 00	
Stephen Colburn	50 00	
John T. Perkins	50 00	
Harriet Dean	50 00	
Money borrowed	50 00	
		$1,000 00

Invested in Town of Milford Serial notes No. 4		
Interest received to Jan 1, 1918	$65 33	
Expended on lots	32 75	
		$32 58

Amounts due each lot in hands of Trustees:		
Dean lot	$12 50	
Odell lot	10 34	
Kendall lot	3 18	
Batchelder lot	3 18	
Holcomb lot	3 18	
Colburn lot	10	
Perkins lot	10	
		$32 58

CHAS. H. RAYMOND,
WM. H. KENDALL,
GEO. C. HADLEY,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

We have this day examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL F. HOOPER,
GEORGE C. HADLEY,
Auditors.

Report of Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Daland Memorial Library report another prosperous year.

In spite of "conservation" and fewer open hours, a large number of books have been in circulation. Notwithstanding the higher prices of books, the extra appropriation from the town and the generous gifts of our friends, both summer and winter, old and new, have made possible many additions to our shelves. For these we wish to express our full appreciation.

If Mrs. Sophia Daland, whose generous bequest gave us the beautiful building and Mr. William Conant, of honored memory, whose happy idea and timely advice suggested the thought to her, could see the groups of alert boys and girls, "browsing" at the reading room and in the "stack room," they would feel assured that "their works do follow them."

A few of us remember Mrs. Daland personally. The Trustees have in mind and hope the plan may be carried out this year, to hang in the building, a picture of the friend, to whose beneficent gift, we and those who come after us, owe so much.

We believe, more than ever, that the Library is a "live wire" in the community.

JAY M. GLEASON,
WILLIARD P. WOODS,
MAY V. TREVITT.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF TOWN LIBRARY

For the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1918

Dr.

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1918	$ 2 88	
Town appropriation	200 00	
Cash from fines	9 45	
		$212 33

Cr.

Cash for periodicals	$14 50	
Cash for books	27 91	
Librarian's services	84 00	
Supplies	2 21	
Insurance on books	8 67	
Wood	35 00	
Balance on hand	40 04	
		$212 33

J. M. GLEASON,
Treasurer.

We have this day examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL F. HOOPER,
GEORGE C. HADLEY,
Auditors.

Report of School Board

For Fiscal Year Ending Feb. 15, 1918

Revenue

Balance from last year	$ 55 59	
Money required by law	970 00	
Additional voted	930 00	
Assessed for books and supplies	75 00	
Assessed to pay tuitions	550 00	
Assessed for salaries and expenses of district officers	60 00	
Literary fund from state	41 76	
Rec'd from state treasury for Supt.	200 00	
Rec'd from dog licenses	69 00	
For repairs and remodeling	200 00	
		$3,151 35

Expenditures

Scholars' supplies and text books	$ 79 06	
Teachers' salaries	1,257 50	
Superintendent	216 65	
School board and treasurer	60 00	
Tuition	731 50	
Flags and appurtenances	3 00	
Transportation of pupils	290 00	
Minor repairs	94 59	
Janitor service	61 98	
Fuel	91 00	
Unclassified expenditures	20 35	
Total expenditures		$2,905 63

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS TO FEB. 1

Alfred W. Smith, Supt.		$216 65
Teachers		
Louise M. Barrett	$331 50	
Alice B. Smith	343 50	
Viola Jenkins	144 00	
Katherine McCoy	228 00	
Beth Easter	210 00	
		$1,257 00
Janitors		
Laura B. Pike	$45 50	
Josephine Lacasse	11 48	
Charlie Long	5 00	
Ray Silvernail	2 00	
Alice Smith	3 00	
		$66 98
Fuel		
John M. Hazen	$ 3 50	
W. A. Blanchard	12 00	
Mrs. H. A. Hutchinson	10 50	
E. H. Best	9 00	
F. O. Lamson	56 00	
		$91 00
Transportation		
F. J. Conner, 28 weeks	$84 00	
E. W. Trow, 13 weeks	39 00	
Geo. L. Tabbutt	70 00	
Rufus G. Averill, 27 weeks	54 00	
F. O. Lamson, 12 weeks	12 00	
W. L. Robinson, 31 weeks	31 00	
		$290 00

Repairs

W. F. French, paint	$49 44	
Kendall & Wilkins, plaster	1 65	
W. H. Fox, labor	27 00	
Geo. W. Pike, labor	16 50	
		$94 59

Miscellaneous

Temple & Blood, suppiles	$ 6 17	
N. F. Hooper, supplies	2 45	
W. H. Kendall, express	75	
J. M. Gleason, record book, postage	2 90	
A. W. Smith, postage	2 90	
E. A. Fox, flag	3 00	
Mrs. A. F. Stearns, care of scholars	10 00	
		$28 17

Summary

Superintendent's salary	$ 216 65	
Instruction	1,257 00	
Repairs	94 59	
Fuel	91 00	
Miscellaneous	28 17	
Janitors	66 98	
Transportation	290 00	
		$2,044 39

FRANK O. LAMSON,
FRANK J. CONNER,
ARTHUR F. STEARNS,
Board of Education.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the year ending Feb. 1918

Dr.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 15 1917	$ 55 59	
School appropriation	1,900 00	
High School tuition	550 00	
Supplies	75 00	
Repairs	200 00	
Dog tax	69 00	
Literary fund	41 76	
Salaries of School Board & Treas.	60 00	
Rec'd from State for Supt.	200 00	
		$3,151 35

Cr.

Paying orders of School Board	$1,723 83	
Tuition	731 50	
Supplies	79 06	
Repairs	94 59	
Salaries	60 00	
Salary of Supt.	216 65	
Bal. in treasury	245 72	
		$3,151 35

J. M. GLEASON,
District Treasurer.

We have this day examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL F. HOOPER,
GEORGE C. HADLEY,
Auditors.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1916-17

School	No. pupils registered	Boys	Girls	Av. Attendance	Av. Absence	Av. Membership	P. C. Attendance	No. Tardinesses
Grammar	16	8	8	13.91	1.51	15.42	90.21	335
Primary	13	6	7	9.98	2.01	11.99	83.	91
West	16	5	11	10.61	1.94	12.55	84.5	194

Statistics for School Year 1916-17

Grades	1	2	4	5	6	8
No. pupils promoted to next grade during or at end of school year	3	5	6	9	3	8
No. pupils in grade at end of year not promoted			1	3		1
No. pupils in grade at end of year who have been there two years					1	
Averade age	6-3	7-9	10-4	11-5	11-8	12-8

No. of pupils 5-8 years of age (1916-1917)	11
No. of pupils 8-14 years of age	30
No. of pupils 14-16 years of age	4
No. of pupils 16-up years of age	0
Length of school year in weeks of 5 days	34

Perfect in attendance (1916-17), John Fox, Center School

Enrollment by School and Grades, Feb. 1, 1918

Schools	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T
Center		2	5		3	4	2		16
Louise Barrett									
West				2		3		3	8
Catherine McCoy									
East	1				2				3
Beth Easter									
	1	2	5	2	5	7	2	3	27

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board of Mont Vernon:—

I herewith submit my first report as Superintendent of Schools in Mont Vernon. The schools opened with Louise Barrett in charge of the grammar room at the Center; Alice Smith, primary room at the Center; Katherine McCoy, West school; and Beth Easter, East school. January 25, Miss Smith resigned and the two primary grades in her room were transferred to Miss Barrett's room. This gives Miss Barrett, with those already in her room, 17 pupils distributed in five different grades. Although this diminishes the time which can be given to each class, it is not an unusual situation in rural schools. When the number of different grades exceeds six I should recommend the employment of an additional teacher.

About eight pupils in the Center remain at the school house during the noon hour. While there were two teachers, each remained in charge for half the noon recess. It is advisable to have someone in charge and either Miss Barrett would have to stay all the time or some outside person engaged to take charge. I recommend the latter course.

A Consolidated School

From an educational point of view it would be far better to instruct all the 27 pupils in Mont Vernon together at the Center School, dividing them into two rooms. This would make the classes larger and thereby create more interest by providing more competition in school work. It is dull business for a live boy or girl to be the only one in a class or to be one, at least, in a very small class. It is helpful to hear others recite, to try to outstrip one's classmates, and discuss the common work together. It is stimulating to a teacher to be able to call on other pupils when one fails. Games and other school activities are much more interesting and successful when larger number participate. Better equipment

and apparatus can be furnished pupils in a central school, whereas it would be expensive to equip several schools equally well. From a financial standpoint a central school requires only two teachers and saves the fuel for two buildings. To offset this saving would come transportation charges but these would not, probably, be as large as the expense of running the schools in the outer districts. On the other hand there are important considerations which may make it inadvisable to concentrate the pupils in one school. Chief among these are difficulties of transportation, inconvenience of parents and pupils, and a depressing effect upon property values in districts where schools are not maintained. The whole matter is just like any other human problems—there is something to be said on both sides. We must support the side which has the most advantages, realizing that there will be disadvantages in any case. Central schools are maintained successfully in many towns. It is entirely possible to provide comfortable and adequate transportation which will satisfy parents quite as much as the maintenance of a rural school, to which children often have to walk a long way.

Work of the Schools

I find the work of the schools going well. The teachers are faithful and zealous in performing their duties. Two are graduates of normal schools. Not all the pupils are up to the grades in which they are registered but we are attempting to have them make up their deficiencies. If they do not, they cannot be promoted at the end of the year. I have given tests in arithmetic on the fundamentals whereby it can be seen just where each pupils is weak. I intend to give tests in other subjects also. This diagnosis reveals a pupil's standing and shows where drill is needed.

Change in Fiscal Year

Laws of 1917, chapter 122, sections 1-4.

Section 1. The fiscal year of town and special school districts beginning February 16, 1917, shall end August 31, 1918, and thereafter the fiscal and scholastic year shall end August 31, annually.

Section 2. At its annual meeting holden in accordance with the provisions of section 1, chapter 90 of the Public Statutes, such school districts shall raise and appropriate money for the support of schools to be expended during the fiscal year beginning September 1, next succeeding.

Section 3. The selectmen shall pay over to the district treasurer, annually, on or before October 1, and monthly thereafter, such sums as the school board shall require for the maintenance of the schools.

Section 4. Section 13 of chapter 92 of the Public Statutes relating to reports of school boards to the state superintendent, as amended by chapter 5 of the Laws of 1903, is hereby repealed and in place thereof there is substituted the following:

Section 13. School boards shall, on or before the fifteenth day of September in each year, send to the superintendent of public instruction copies of their annual reports and answers to the questions proposed by him relating to the schools in their districts.

According to the above law it is necessary for school districts to raise enough money this March to support schools until August, 1919.

Mont Vernon School District Budget (estimated) for the period Feb. 1, 1918—Sept. 1, 1919.

Teachers' salaries	$1,950 00	
1. Superintendent's salary	600 00	
Flags and appurtenances	5 00	
Books and supplies	125 00	
Fuel	150 00	
Salaries of officers	90 00	
Transportation	600 00	
Janitors	160 00	
Repairs	150 00	
2. High School tuitions	750 00	
Miscellaneous	120 00	
		$4,700 00

1. During the period Feb. 1, 1918 to Sept. 1, 1919 there will be paid to the superintendent $600. In December 1918 the town will receive from the State $200,

which is one-half the annual salary. In December 1919 another $200 will be received from the State.

2. There are at present 4 pupils from Mont Vernon attending the Milford High School at $55 and 5 in Amherst at $40. Possibly there will be 3 more 1918-1919. Amherst will probably increase its tuition. The tuition bill for the balance of the present school year will be $210. During 1918-1919 it will probably be about $600.

Medical Inspection

Laws of 1917, chapter 114.

Section 1. The school board of every city, union, special or town school district, shall hereafter cause to be inserted in the warrant for the annual meeting of said district an article relating to the adoption of the provisions of chapter 83 of the Laws of 1913, providing for the medical inspection of schools, unless said district has already adopted the provisions of said chapter.

In any town which adopts medical inspection the School Board appoints one or more physicians of not less than five years' experience who shall at least once a year examine every pupil and teacher and inspect the grounds and buildings. If any defects are found in a pupil, notice is sent to the parent or guardian, who is supposed to have the child treated by his regular physician. The school physician does not supplant the regular family doctor. He merely notifies parents of defects which he observes; further action then rests with the parent. If a parent or guardian protests in writing against the examination of his or her child, such child will not be examined by the school physician unless afflicted with a contagious disease.

The physical condition of each child is recorded, after the annual examination, on blank forms prepared by the State. Therefore at each examination it can readily be seen whether defects indicated by the previous examination have been remedied or allowed to grow worse. These records are accessible to proper persons at any time so that parents can have accurate information about the physical development of their children precisely as they receive information on report cards about the mental development. The examination by the school physician

often reveals troubles which were either unknown or only mildly suspected and accordingly neglected. It is far better to attend to defects in their incipient stages when a cure is surer, easier, and quicker. Very often a child's slow progress in his lessons is due to some physical ailment. The regular medical inspection discovers these cases and points out the remedy. The annual examination includes tests of sight and hearing.

Everyone interested in the welfare of children will readily appreciate the value of a system of thorough medical inspection. The expense is not large and is not to be considered in comparison to the benefits to the pupils. For the thirty pupils in Mont Vernon a charge per pupil of the cost of a regular doctor's visit would not amount to a large sum. Until an agreement is actually made with some physicians it is difficult to state the expense definitely but I recommend that a sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to carry out the provisions of the medical inspection act if the voters accept it.

Superintendent's Salary

The addition of a fourth town to the supervisory district made it necessary to secure help in transacting the work of the superintendent's office. Mrs. Ellen Gunnison of Milford was engaged as secretary and her very efficient service has made possible the transaction of a greater volume of business more expeditiously and successfully than could have been attended to by one person alone. She has had charge of correspondence, records, preparation and distribution of notices and supplies, ordering books and supplies and keeping accounts thereof, preparation of state and United States government reports, and Red Cross work in schools. There is the additional advantage of having some person in the office all the time competent to deal with any matters that may come in.

I wish to express my appreciation of the cooperation of teachers and School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. SMITH.

Marriages in the Town of Mont Vernon, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31st, 1917

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
June 4	Spring Lake, Mich	Everett Chester Bates	Mont Vernon	29	All white	Hotel keeper	Saratoga Springs, N. Y	George E. Bates	Cazenoria, N. Y	Hotel keeper	1	
								Lilian Fisher	Boston, Mass			
		Nina Irene Landman	Spring Lake Mich	20		At home	KentCity Mich	John W. Langman	Spring Lake, Mich	Fruit grower	1	
								Cora Knight	Casnora, Mich			
June 28	Mont Vernon	Ray E. Pomeroy	Mont Vernon	36		Instructor		E. E. Pomeroy	Bean's Corner, Me	Jeweler	1	Arthur W. Remington Amherst, N. H
								Melinda Burbank	Parsonsfield, Me			
		Lila W. Trow	" "	18		Student	Mont Vernon	Jesse S. Trow	Amherst	Farmer	1	
								Helen Whiting	"			
Nov. 7	Milford	Norman D. Trow	" "	21		Farmer	" "	Jesse S. Trow	"	Farmer	1	G. Edgar Wolfe Milford, N. H.
								Helen Whiting				
		Helen M. Howard	Milford	19		At home	Milford	Alonzo Howard	Milford	Farmer	1	
								Sadie J. Moore	Hyde Park, Penn			
Nov. 12	Francestown	Arthur D. Scott	Mont Vernon	65		Farmer	Woburn, Mass	Daniel Scott	West Fairlee, Vt	Carpenter	2	R. L. Bruce Francestown, N. H
								Phoebe Davis	Biddeford, Me			
		Willette S. Silvernail	" "	37		Housewife	Mont Vernon	William Stearns	Mont Vernon	Farmer	3	
								Helen Ober	Johnson, Vt			
Oct. 24	Mont Vernon	Walter F. Emery	Peterboro	27		Basketmaker	Milford	Albert H. Emery	Chester		1	William Weston Marlboro, N. H
								Abbie E. Draper	Greenfield			
		Olive E. Blood	Mont Vernon	24		At home	Mont Vernon	Charles W. Blood	Bedford	Farmer	1	
								Ida J. Codman	West Deering			
Nov. 20	Manchester	Frank B. Blood	" "	44		Farmer	New Boston	Alonzo Blood	Merrimack	Farmer	2	Hiram H. Appelman Manchester, N. H
								Clara E. Pearsons	New Boston			
		Henriette Zandoh	Manchester	29		Clerk	Norwood	Thomas Zandoh	Brownfalls, N. Y	Inspector	2	
								Jessie Hepburn				

Births Registered in the Town of Mont Vernon, N. H, for the Year Ending December 31, 1917

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
May 4	Mt. Vernon	Deborah Worth	....	F	L	3	W	George D. Kittredge	Maude R. Feeney	W	Mont Vernon	Farmer	Fishkill, N. Y.	Haverhill, Mass.
May 22	Mt. Vernon	Perley Edward	M	...	L	5	W	Edward W. Trow	Josie Marvell	W	Mont Vernon	Farmer	Mont Vernon	Mont Vernon

Deaths Registered in the Town of Mont Vernon, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1917

Date of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of birth.	Sex and condition. Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Occupation.	Place of birth. Father.	Mother.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Feb. 3	Herbert L. Proctor	54		21	Hollis	M	White	S				Proctor	Rideout
March 11	Benjamin F. Roberts	57	8	6	Peabody, Mass	M		M	Farmer			Samuel Roberts	Helenera Perry
April 23	Lizzie A. Hadley	62	10	16	Hudson	F		M	Housewife	Merrimack	Hudson	Henry S. Goss	Martha Senter
May 26	Bedelia Blanchard	84	9	7	Galway, Ire	F		W	Housewife	Galway, Ire	Galway, Ire	Michael Finerty	Delia Linham
June 15	Sullivan A. Starrett	79		11	Mont Vernon	M		M	Farmer	Hillsboro	Mont Vernon	Joseph A. Starrett	Maria J. Bruce
Aug. 5	H. Appleton Hutchinson	65	11	12	" "	M		M	Farmer	Milford	Mont Vernon	Noah Hutchinson	Mary Hopkins
Nov. 3	Lenora A. Smith	72	8	10	" "	F		S	Mechanic	Mont Vernon	Wilton	William H. Smith	Lydia Jane Baldwin

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. HARRY G. BLOOD, Town Clerk.

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